

# LIVABLE CENTERS STUDY, UPPER KIRBY HOUSTON, TX

## Creating Compact, Connected, Mixed-Use Neighborhoods

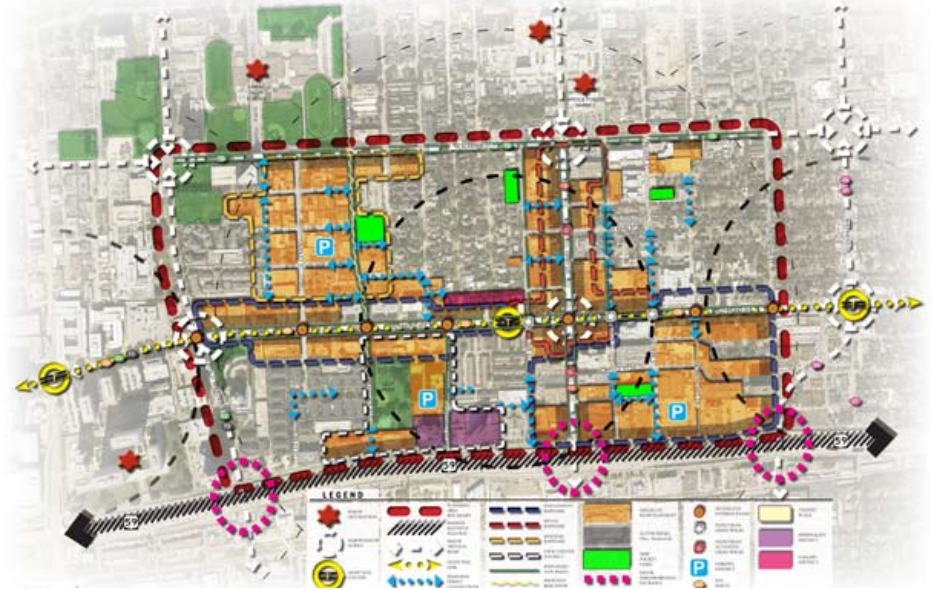
**DESCRIPTION** The Upper Kirby District is located in the heart of Houston. Between the Galleria area and downtown, Upper Kirby District is immediately adjacent to Greenway Plaza, River Oaks, West University, and Montrose. The Livable Centers Study for the Upper Kirby study area builds upon and coordinates with existing planning efforts by the Upper Kirby Management District. The Livable Centers Study will essentially amend the current Upper Kirby Urban Design Master Plan into a Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) plan. The Study is examining and providing strategies and projects to improve the pedestrian realm around the future Kirby light rail station as well as around the Upper Kirby District's proposed community outreach/civic center development.

**VISION** The H-GAC Livable Centers program is designed to create safe, convenient, and attractive areas where people can live, work, and play with less reliance on their cars.

## DESIGN FEATURES

The Goals of the Livable Centers Program seek to create neighborhoods that are:

- Compact and mixed use
- Designed to be walkable
- Connected and accessible



**Client:**  
City of Houston  
H-GAC

**Study area size:**  
317 acres / .5 sq miles

**Start Date:** October 2009

**Completion:** June 2010

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